UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Susan D. Wigenton

v. : Crim. No. 11-735

VICTOR COLON ESPADA : ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Paul J. Fishman, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Mary E. Toscano, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney), and defendant VICTOR COLON ESPADA (by Joseph A. Fortunato, Esq., appearing), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter, and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of his appearance before a judicial officer of this court pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1), and as the defendant has consented to such a continuance, and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

(1) Plea negotiations are currently in progress, and both the United States and the defendant desire additional time to negotiate a plea agreement, which would thereby render trial of this matter unnecessary.

(2) Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7)(A), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

ORDERED that this action be, and hereby is, continued for a period of 41 days from December 9, 2011 to January 18, 2012; and it is further

ORDERED that the period from December 9, 2011 through January 18, 2012 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.

HON. SUSAN D WIGENTON

United States District Judge

Form and entry consented to:

Mary E. Toscano

Special Assistant U.S. Attorney

Joseph A. Fortunato

Counsel for defendant VICTOR COLON ESPADA